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(*b*) whether all of them are alive; and

(*c*) the cost of maintenance of each dog for a month?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) The police dogs were not purchased, but presented to the kennel.

(*b*) All of them are not alive now.

(*c*) The cost of maintenance of each dog is Rs. 55 per mensem.

Life of tractors

* 2582 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether tractors are in use even after their lifetime; and

(*b*) the lifetime fixed for the new tractors purchased from the companies and those from the Army surplus?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Seven years.

Taxation Enquiry Commission's recommendations

* 2583 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether this Government have received any instructions from the Planning Commission to review the recommendations of the Taxation Inquiry Commission as regards State Finances for implementing the Second Five-Year Plan during 1955?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Yes, Sir.

Taxation Enquiry Commission's recommendations

* 2584 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have taken any decisions on the recommendations of the Taxation Committee; and

(*b*) if so, what they are?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: The Government have not taken any decision on the recommendations of the Taxation Enquiry Commission. The proposals of the Commission are under consideration.

Industrial disputes in Tanning industry

* 2585 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of industrial disputes in the Tanning industry during 1954;

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(*b*) the number of disputes settled during 1954; and

(*c*) the number of disputes still pending?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) Ninety-one.

(*b*) Seventy-one.

(*c*) Eight disputes were pending on 3th June 1955.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: இம்மாதிரி ஏராளமான கேஸ்கள் "பெண்டிங்" கில் இருப்பதற்குக் காரணம் என்ன? ஏன் அவைகள் "அட்ஜுடிகேஷ" னுக்கு "ரெபர்" பண்ணப்படவில்லை என்று மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதில் சொல்வார்களா?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: இம்மாதிரி பெண்டிங்கில் இருக்கின்றன என்று அங்கத்தினர்கள் சொல்கிருர்கள். மொத்தம் 91 தொழிற் தகராறுகளில் 8 தகராறுகள்தான் பெண்டிங்கில் இருக்கின்றன என்று நான் பதில் சொல்லியிருக்கிறேன். ஆகையால், இது ஒரு அதிகம் இல்லை.

Propaganda against untouchability

* 2586 *Q*.—SRI P. RANGASWAMY REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Harijan Welfare Department issued propaganda wall posters depicting imprisonment as the legal consequence under Article 17 of the Constitution of India for practice of untouchability;

(*b*) how many posters were printed and where and at what cost;

(*c*) why the Government subsequently withdrew the posters;

(*d*) whether the posters were approved by the Government before issue; and

(*e*) whether a copy of the poster would be placed on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) 30,125 posters were printed at the Rangam Brothers, Royapetta, Madras, at a cost of Rs. 5,000.

(*c*) There were some comments in the press as well as from individuals and organizations for and against the poster. The intention of the Government in issuing the poster was not to wound the feelings of any particular section of the people or create any unseemly controversy over the subject. Further display of the posters was therefore stopped.

(*d*) No, Sir.

(*e*) A copy [a] is placed on the table of the House.

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[a] **Posters not printed as Appendix.**